

Summer Reading Suggestions

1. **Row, Row, Row Your Boat** [DBC01452](#)
 - In this expansion of a familiar song, the occupants of a rowboat enjoy seeing and making the sounds of different jungle animals. For preschool-grade 2.
2. **Dog Songs: Thirty-Five Dog Songs and One Essay** [DB077665](#)
 - Pulitzer Prize-winning poet illustrates her love of all dogs while focusing on the numerous dogs that have enriched her own life. Many poems use the pets' voices, others include conversations between Oliver and a canine friend.
3. **Earth Songs** [DB025352](#)
 - The Earth speaks for itself as it takes readers on a poetic journey in exploration of its various dimensions. For grades 3-6.
4. **Sea Songs** [DB025483](#)
 - Fifteen dramatic poems depict dark shores, crimson tides, sea life, fishermen, ghost-raised ships, and other images of the sea. For grades 5-8.
5. **Prairie Songs** [DB024488](#)
 - The prairie was a barren place offering not only beauty and peace, but also loneliness and madness. Life in a loving pioneer prairie family changes when a new doctor arrives with his beautiful but tragically frail wife. For grades 5-8.
6. **Shakespeare: Songs from the Plays** [DB021494](#)
 - Songs and lyrics from seventeen of Shakespeare's plays and from "King Henry VIII" and "The Two Noble Kinsmen."
7. **Easy to Remember: The Great American Songwriters and Their Songs** [DB055122](#)
 - Celebratory survey of popular American music from 1927 to the 1960s--Broadway songs, Hollywood songs, individual hits by famous composers, and great one-shots from out of nowhere. Organized in loose chronological order around the lives of the songwriters, the book is filled with anecdotes, morsels of social history, and personal commentary.
8. **Showstoppers! The Surprising Backstage stories of Broadway's Most Remarkable Songs** [DB087898](#)
 - In a Broadway musical, there are usually a couple of songs that define the show and leave the audience humming afterwards. A journalist interviews various musical creators and performers to learn about the stories behind those famous songs from shows such as Chicago, Hello Dolly!, Evita, Annie, South Pacific, and more.
9. **This Land Was Made for You and Me: The Life and Songs of Woody Guthrie** [DB055433](#)
 - Biography of Woody Guthrie (1912-1967), the Oklahoma singer, writer, and musician, who composed more than three thousand songs and ballads as he traveled around the United States, including "This Land Is Your Land" and "So Long, It's Been Good to Know Yuh." For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2002. For grades 6-9 and older readers.
10. **The Story of Our National Ballads** [DB017898](#)
 - The stories of many popular national ballads that have stirred the American public from the days of the Revolution through World War II. Includes sketches of the people who wrote these songs and the times in which the songs became famous. For junior and senior high and adult readers.